GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any Flood Management Programme for those inter-State rivers which arelinked with Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) if so, the specific proposals mooted in this regard during Tenth Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Flood Management being a State subject, theschemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments as per their own priorities. The assistance rendered byCentral Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

Central Water Commission under the Ministry ofWater Resources has estabilised a network of 166 flood forecasting stations on major rivers in the country out of which 31 stations are located in Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh &Orissa which are providing timely flood forecasting and warning to the State Governments for flood mitigation.

The Central Government is also rendering financial assistance to various State Governments for carrying out critical flood management works. In this connection, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to take up critical anti erosion works in Ganga Basin States has been approved for implementation during the X Planwhich, interalia, includes a scheme for Jharkhand. Centrally Sponsored Schemes have also been formulated to take up critical anti river erosion works/raising & strengthening of embankments; and also for improvement of drainage in critical area in the States including Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.